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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

This communication is in response to the initial Office Action mailed on July 12, 2006 concerning the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.